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Programs and Workshops

Ann Lisa Pearson Program Chairman

Theme for 2007 *"Back to Basics"*

• January 9, 2007 1:00 p.m.

Census Research

Getting the Most From The Records

by Ann Lisa Pearson

• January 16, 2007

Early Bird Workshop

9:30 a. m. -11:30 a.m.

Organizational Skills and Methodology

Part 1 by Patricia Roberts

Workshop Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Organizational Skills—Part 2

• February 13, 2007 1:00 p.m.

Using Published Materials in the Library

by Denver Public Library Staff

• February 20, 2007

Early Bird Workshop

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Using Legacy Genealogy Program

by Vern Tomkins

Workshop Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Probate and Guardianship Records

by Ann Lisa Pearson

• March 13, 2007 1:00 p.m.

Church Records and Where to Find Them

• March 20, 2007

Cemeteries and Records

CG&HS PRESIDENT SANDI KLEIN



Sandra Le (KIRKLIN) KLEIN was born in National City, San Diego, California 26, December 1942. My parents, James Edward KIRKLIN and Bonnie Irene (GUESS) KIRKLIN met & married in Englewood, Colorado. They moved to California not long after they were married. My mother and I came back to Colorado (to be with family) after my Dad went into the Navy in 1943. After my Dad finished his time in the service he came back to Colorado. I have lived in the Denver metro area most of my life.

My grade school years were spent in Denver. By jr. high we had moved to the Littleton area. I finished my schooling at Littleton High School.

In 1958 I met my husband, Ed. We married in February of 1960 and have one son, Mark, who was born in 1961. We also have two granddaughters.

My working life has been varied. I worked in my in-laws drug store, worked as a secretary and for several years I was in the market research field.

About 10 years ago I became interested in family history and genealogy. This was after hearing stories about my mother-in-law being born in Cripple Creek, Colorado and her life. Also my hus-

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father's side are Germans from Russia. These two families are where my search started but it has evolved from there. I have been a member of Columbine for about five years. From 2003-2005 I was co-3rd Vice President in Ways and Means. For the past year I have been delegate to CCGS. Starting in January 2007, I will be taking on the challenge of being President of Columbine.

Elections of Officers Held

New officers for 2007 are as follows:

Sandi Klein.....President

Gordon Johnson.....Treasurer

New Committee Members

Nominating Committee

Shirley Stertz, (Chairman) Marylee Hagen, and Marilyn Smith

Mailing Committee.... Louise Durbala

**“The Handwriting of American Records for a Period of
300 Years” by E. Kay Kirkham**

That letter “S”, the most variable and troublesome in manuscript.

<i>Roof</i> = ROSS	<i>Rofs</i> = ROSS
<i>Proper</i> = PROSSER	<i>Sorrowz</i> = SORROWS
<i>Baput</i> = BASSET	<i>Bap</i> = BASS
<i>Crop</i> = CROSS	<i>Mof</i> = MOSS
<i>Papey</i> = PASSEY	<i>Douy Lap</i> = DOUGLASS



IN REMEMBRANCE

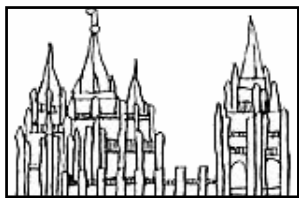
MARGARET ZISHKA

Born 14 July 1925 and died 14 September 2005.

She joined Columbine in 1977. Her husband William A. Zishka has donated Margaret's Genealogy books to Columbine.

DORIS METTLER

Died in September 2006. Doris joined Columbine in 1975 and was a member over 20 years.



A Family History Overhaul

Excerpts from an article in the Deseret Morning News Saturday September 30,

2006 by Carrie A Moore.

<http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,650194998,00.html>

And with a complete overhaul of the church's FamilySearch.org Web site planned for the months ahead, even those who have no experience researching family history will be able to "do something meaningful without having to learn anything prior" according to Steve W. Anderson, online marketing manager for the church's Family History.

In addition to the redesigned Web site, the church is pushing forward with a digitizing project that will eventually allow the images of such information as census records, birth, death, marriage, tax and land records—now contained on its 2.4 million rolls of microfilm—to not only be placed online, but to be indexed in order to allow nearly instant access.

Family History communications and planning manager Paul Nauta said the indexing technology "is coming along nicely" at this point, and managers will begin testing the indexing internally through church groups and selected genealogical societies nationally who have volunteers now working to index records that their memberships find valuable.

Curt Witcher with the Indiana Genealogical Society is one of the two people overseeing volunteers who are indexing all the Indiana marriage records from 1820 to 1957 for the digitized images the LDS church has. He heard about the indexing project at a national conference and asked his society to participate.

Errors are bound to occur, but should be caught because the system is designed so every record is entered twice—by two different people working independently of each other. If one record disagrees with the other, an arbitrator will decide which one is correct.

Amy Johnson Crowe with the Ohio Genealogical Society said the church approached her group more than two years ago about volunteering, even before the project began. They have been working on an index for the Ohio tax records.

INTERNET SITES

■ <http://www.aviationarchaeology.com/src/db.asp>

Aviation Archaeology Investigation and Research Database. Contains around 200,000 names. Air Force Accident Reports, Air Crew Names, Missing Air Crew Reports and some Navy.

■ <http://www.directlinesoftware.com/landref.htm>

Land Record Reference All you ever wanted to know (and then some!) about Deeds, Grants, Patents, and Claims.

Don't overlook their Deed Data Pool on their home site for Virginia Patents.

■ <http://begatchat.com/>
Genealogy tips, News, and Information

■ <http://www.cyndislist.com/pda.htm>
Cyndi's List for PDA'S and Handhelds Briefly Defined, General Resource Sites, Mailing Lists, Newsgroups, Chat and Software.

■ <http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu/choosepart.html>
The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War. Select The War Years, then Battle Maps and you will have a animated Theatre Battle Map. Choosing the unit you would like to view.

■ <http://amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/surnames.html>
Find your surnames with these search engine secrets.

■ <https://www.historicmapworks.com/>
Historic Map Works Search collection of over 100,000 antique property maps



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Woody Trosper, Queries Coordinator



For a minimum donation to Columbine Book Fund of \$10.00 per surname. The Query Committee will research Colorado records at local sources in the Denver Area. Send request and S.A.S.E. and a check payable to CGHS, Inc. to Query Coordinator.

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20 YEAR MEMBER THELMA JUNE JOHNSON BEEBE

June was born 27 September 1918. She attended grade and high school in Pawnee, Oklahoma and attended Oklahoma A & M College. In 1942, June was the first woman from Oklahoma to enlist the Navy. She married and divorced James W. Beebe. They had three sons, James, Jared and Joel. June is a member of the DAR and Presidential Families of America. She was a volunteer at the National Archives for 12 years and also served as a volunteer for several years at Columbine

FROM THE REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

THANK YOU

The refreshment Committee would like to thank the many members who graciously contributed their time in preparing and helping to serve refreshments throughout the year. We also appreciate and thank the members who generously donated funds to help defray the cost of providing refreshments.
Rita Elmore, Diane Hall and Shirley Terry

Sign in a England Laundromat: Automatic Dryers
Please remove all your cloths when the light goes out !!

Out of the Past

Mason-Dixon Line

In 1763 British Astronomers Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon began their survey to mark the boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania. Ordered by the Court Chancery in England, it was to settle the disputes between heirs of Lord Baltimore and William Penn. One of the earliest survey projects of North America, it set the highest standards of engineering surveys. The expedition took them four years and their lines stretches over 200 miles from Delaware to West Virginia. In the 19th century it was continued along the course of the Ohio River and came to mark the boundary between slave state and free.

In order to mark the boundary, stones were brought from England and set every mile. Each milestone had a "P" carved on one side and an "M" on the other. (Delaware was part of Pennsylvania at this time) Every fifth milestone had the coat of arms of Lord Baltimore on the Maryland side and the coat of arms of the Penn family on the Pennsylvania side.

When Mason and Dixon were surveying the northern part of Delaware they stayed for a long time along with their large group of assistant surveyors, chair-carriers, and a legendary tame bear, at St. Patrick's Inn, now known as the Deer Park, in Newark.

Over the years many of the marker stones were lost and in 1849 a commission from three states, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware, was appointed to determine the place of a missing stone which marked where the three states came together. Even after eighty years of technical advances in surveying it was discovered that Mason and Dixon were extremely accurate, and when a hole was dug to set the new stone in the proper place, they found the lower portion of the old stone placed there by Mason and Dixon.

More reading on this subject:

"Drawing The Line" How Mason and Dixon Surveyed the Most Famous Border in America

By Edwin Danson



WIKIPEDIA, the free encyclopedia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

Family Names are simultaneously one of the most important pieces of genealogical information, and a source of significant confusion for researchers.

In most cultures, the name of a person references the family to which he or she belongs. This is called the *family name*, or *surname*. It is often also called the *last name* because, for most speakers of English, the family name comes after the given name (or names). However, this is not the case in other cultures, e.g., Chinese family names precede the given name.

Patronymics are names which allow identification of an individual based on the father's name, e.g., Marga Olafsdottir or Olfa Thorsson. Many cultures used patronymics before surnames were adopted or came into use. The Dutch in New York, for example, used the patronymic system of names until 1687 when the advent of English rule mandated surname usage.

As with place names, surname and personal name data may be subject to variant spellings. Older records may include greater variation in spelling than modern records. Phonetic spelling may be the only link between two variantly spelled names; e.g., "Quilter" and "Kieltagh". Records may also include completely different variants of names, such as Mort for MORDECAI.

The transmission of names across generations, marriages and other relationships, and immigrations also causes significant inaccuracy in genealogical data. For instance, children may sometimes take or be given step-parent, foster parent, or adoptive parent names. Women in many cultures have routinely used their spouse's surnames. When a woman remarried, she may have changed her name and the names of her children; only her name; or changed no names. Her birth ("maiden") name may be reflected in her children's middle names; her own middle name; or dropped entirely.

Official records do not capture many kinds of surname changes. For example, fostering, common-law marriage, love affairs, changes in career or location may all result in name changes which are not reflected as such in official records.

Columbine Membership

by Paula Davis, Membership

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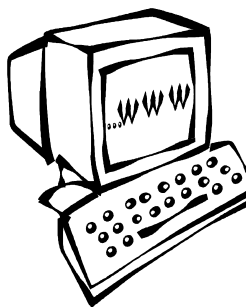
(CGS/CIG) The Computer Interest Group of the Colorado Genealogical Society was organized to inform its members and the general public about computers, their use and about available genealogical software.

Dues are \$15 for one year, including the spouse. You do NOT have to be a member of CGS to join. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month.

7:00 P.M. Christ the King Lutheran Church
2300 S Patton Court Denver, Colorado
“Program” and “Workshop” meetings are held on alternating months. No meetings are held in July, August and December.

Workshop meetings offer concurrent subgroup discussions and computer demonstrations and help on software programs. (The Master Genealogist, Legacy, Family Tree, Family Tree Maker, Roots Magic.) Also special interests such as scanning/digital imaging and internet research.

For information about meetings or membership contact: Bill or Marge Stephens 303-343-7943
Email steve@chisp.net

**Exploring
Google**<http://www.google.com>

On Google go to more>> >>even more A page of Icons comes up. On the far left and mid column is News..Archive Search. Some articles are free, others are by subscription and others are for a fee from the newspaper. It has a timeline schedule you may search by and they are adding digitized newspapers daily. Try putting in your home town and see how many obituaries come up.

**20 YEAR RECOGNITION
OF
COLUMBINE MEMBERS**

June Beebe May 1987

Clifford Deline Dec 1987

Marsha Haeflein Feb 1987

Agnes Harlan Jun 1987

Carol Neumann Jan 1987

Cecilia & Paul Reznicek Feb 1987

Mary Scott Jun 1987

Phyllis Seminara Mar 1987

**THOUGHT FOR THE NEW
YEAR**

Take twelve, fine, full-grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite: pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past; have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

THE ARTIFICIAL EYE by Mary Lou (Emerson) King

My father Loyd Emerson lost his right eye around 1936. He had his own garage in Naponee, Nebraska and had a piece of steel go into the eye while doing mechanics in his garage. He went to Holdrege, where they used a large magnet to pull out the piece of steel, but the eye became infected and it was feared that he could lose sight in both eyes, so it was removed at the veterans hospital in Kansas City.

In a few weeks he was fitted with an artificial glass eye and one night when he and my mother, Mary were asleep in bed the glass eye exploded, badly cutting the socket of the eye. My mother, Mary said it sounded like a rifle shot. The prognosis was that the glass eye was defective with a hair line crack and gases from the not completely healed stub formed a gas and the pressure was enough to explode the glass eye.

My father always had very good matches with his artificial eye and most people never knew he was blind in one eye. Soon after getting another glass eye my parents went to Goodland, Kansas to visit my grandparents. His mother could not believe he had an artificial eye and so he proceeded to take it out to show her, only he dropped it on the cement and it shattered. She was now a believer !!!

My twin, Gary and I must have been around two years old when Dad lost his eye. For washing and cleaning the eye, he had a little cup similar to the type that now comes on the top of a bottle of eye wash. He would hold the cup up under the eye, then press just below the eye for it to drop into the cup. One day in the reflection of the bathroom mirror Gary and I saw him do this procedure and much to my mother's dismay she said we went around for several days pretending to pop out our eyes like Dad.

I remember in the 50's when we lived in Caldwell, Idaho that Dad sent for a new eye. They came in a box of six plastic eyes of different shades and sizes. He would pick the closest match and send back the others. The eyes never wore out, just the size of the eye socket changed over time. It was around 1950 that artificial eyes began to be made of plastic.

Dad flew home with me to Denver in his 88th year with the purpose of getting a new eye. He had always purchased them from the same firm in Denver, but this was the first time he had ever been in person to the place where they were produced. They treated him like royalty, and I'm sure it was purchased with a very discounted price tag. Within a week he had a new plastic eye. After going back home to Scottsdale, my mother said he never wore the new eye and resorted back to using his old one.

Dad always had a good laugh in telling the story of going to a young optometrist in Scottsdale for an exam to get a prescription for a new pair of glasses and he did not tell him his right eye was artificial until after he had read the eye chart.

After Dad's death my mother was coming to Littleton to live with Earl and I. The morning we were to leave she had a Charity coming to pick up Dad's clothing and other items. My parents were of the generation where you saved everything, string in a ball, all boxes and empty jars that could be used once again. Knowing my mother, I just know that she would have NEVER put that new plastic eye in the trash, and that it went along with Dad's cloths to the Charity !!! I have this vision of a worker opening the box, yelling and exclaiming "THIS IS A FIRST !!!."

Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming -- "WOW"-- What a Ride!"

LAND RECORD REFERENCE <http://users.rcn.com/deeds/landref.htm>

Each one of the underlined items may be accessed from your computer by going to the above URL.

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Getting New Land

- The Feudal Land System - *Ain't it great to be King!*
- How Land in the Colonies Was Acquired - *Patents and Grants.*
- Bounty Land Warrants, by Jan Bishop McFarland - *Another way of acquiring land.*
- The Homestead Act of 1862, by Richard Pence - *The original 'sweat equity' way to get land.*

State by State History

- Indiana Land History
- Introduction to Ohio Land History
- Pennsylvania Land History, by Dr. Neal Hively
- Introduction to Tennessee Land History
- Introduction to Virginia Land History

Buying and Selling Land

- Transferring Land - *The selling process.*
- A Typical Deed - *It's not just legalese*

Land Transaction Records. How they work, and where they are.

- Retracing the Trails of Your Ancestors Using Deed Records, by William Dollarhide
- Taking the Mystery Out of Land Records, by Linda Haas Davenport
- On-line Land Record Research Course
- Deed Books and the types of deeds they contain
- How To Get Copies of Land Records
- Published Books Relating to Land Records - *The records you seek may already be in print*
- Other Internet sites with Land Record Information

Two Types of Property Descriptions Used in Deeds

- Metes and Bounds - *Meandering streams and white oak trees*
- U.S. Public Domain - *Home on the Section, Township, and Range*

Terms You'll Come Across

- Surveying Units and Terms - *Poles and Chains*
- Legal and Other Terms - *From the common to the obscure*
- Corrections for compass declination errors - *True norths are hard to find*

Miscellaneous

- U.S. Geographic Name lookup - *Locate creeks and other features named in deeds*
- U.S. GenWeb - *Gateway to local history and genealogy*
- Cyndi's List of Land Record Sites - *An excellent list of related sites*

Childhood in U. P. Michigan by Carol R Neuman Columbine 20 Year Member

My birthday is July 4th! After a while I realized the fireworks were not for me. My birthplace was a beautiful 3-story French Renaissance home owned by my grandparents in Berlin, Wisconsin. Mother went home to have her babies. I have a brother and sister.

Though it seems like I was born with a silver spoon in my mouth, my real home was in The Land of Hiawatha, Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Longfellow's Evangeline described such a place. "This is a forest primeval. The murmuring pines and the hemlocks. Bearded with moss and garments in green." It was freezing cold in winter and with piles of snow that hid houses from the road. Spring and summers were lush green and fall was glorious in color.

I was lucky to be born of a lively 1920's Flapper Girl with short-cropped hair who learned to drive in 1917, when she was 16. She believed in education and opportunity for both sexes. I was equally lucky to be born of a smart, honorable and very kind man with a twinkle in his eye and a sense of humor.

The era was the Great Depression. Twice a week on my walk to school I witnessed long lines of desperate people waiting for potatoes, apples or whatever the government could provide. We had a car, but many did not. We had indoor plumbing, but others did not. Grandmother sewed me new cloths for school and I knew I was lucky. For Christmas we had small gifts but one year my parents gave us a toboggan. All the kids in town rode on our toboggan.

My Father was Superintendent of a very small school district which included an Indian School for the children of a Chippewa (Ojibway) Tribe on Lac Vieux Desert. Their deed to the land was a grant signed by President Abraham Lincoln, as though they didn't own the land in the beginning! They were very proud of the grant! I would go to the Village with my Dad. They survived by deer, bear, rabbit hunting and harvesting wild rice from the Lac Vieux Desert. They had Pow-Wows, which I witnessed, made beaded moccasins and dolls over rabbit foots. I still own and cherish one today. There was extreme poverty.

Our town had many nationalities. I drank wine made by an Italian family, ate lute fish with Norwegians (hated the smell in their house but loved the fish), sauerbraten with Germans, Baklava with a Greek family, stew with the Kelly's, but my favorite was pasties made by the English. I can still spell Polish names like Koleski and Cestkowski.

In winter I ice skated, tobogganed and sledged. In summer I bicycled, swam in lakes and picked blueberries. I was lucky to live in a small town where we could roam free. Many of my friends are gone now, but these are memories of life in that small town.

Magazine Review "Internet Genealogy" by Mary Lou King

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This is a new magazine and one I would recommend for helping you with your research even if you are not on the internet. Below are a few samples from the November 2006 issue.

- Case Study: Searching for Sam Lisa A Alzo researches her great-uncle Sam Figlar.
- Finding Ancestral Artifacts on the 'Net Janice Nickerson tries to locate long-lost family treasures.
- Our Ancestors' Daily Lives Janice Nickerson goes online in search of clues about our ancestor's daily lives.
- Genealogical Research Library on Line Elizabeth Lapointe looks at grl.com and its 15 million Canadian names.
- Genealogists and The Digitization Revolution Marian Press discusses a number of projects that are planned or under way.
- On The Original Record Susan Meates profiles a site with more than 2,500 rare and obscure British sources.

<http://www.internet-genealogy.com>

BEMIS LIBRARY Jane Monroe, Bemis Library Liaison 303-798-9429
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Our "Gene" volunteers have been gearing up for new projects in 2007 at Bemis Library to help all of us in our never ending quest for information on those elusive and/or lost members of our close and extended families. We have a great core group of volunteers to get our projects started. We welcome and encourage any others who would like to give us a few hours of your time (and learn more about all the great resources at Bemis while helping) to join us by giving me your name and phone number at any meeting or by emailing me at utrainbow@msn.com.

At our last Board Meeting, it was decided to make an updated Bibliography of all the genealogical books and materials available at Bemis as one of our projects for 2007. We have not updated our newer acquisitions since 1994! Don and Doris Elliott have been working on a computer database that will enable us to record what materials are already there and easily add all new materials as they are obtained. When this project is finished, we will be able to keep up with which books we have already researched and in which books we might be able to find new bits of information. Think of all the trips that can be eliminated downtown to Denver Library for those books we have in our own backyard! Then our time at DPL can be spent on the other resources not available here.

I delivered an entire car load of researchable information to Bemis Library this month from the Zishka family and Civil War volumes from our own Betty Pratt. We are in the process of getting these books ready for the shelves and I will have more on these acquisitions and the Zishka family in the next newsletter.

Our vertical files are growing with more loose-leaf papers being added almost daily from counties throughout the USA as well as increasing the information from Colorado counties. We hope to have all our states and counties represented as we get more copies of records from research done by our members. Keep that information coming! We can use any kinds of records that you have found tucked away in family papers or in your travels to those out-of-the-way libraries.

Please contact me with any questions or donations of genealogical books and materials.

CCGS NEWS COLORADO COUNCIL OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

Sandi Klein, Council Representative

The October meeting was held at the Fort Collins Public Library and was hosted by the Larimer County Genealogical Society. The main item on the agenda was election of new officers. Those nominated are as follows:

President (2 yr. term) Patricia Roberts
 1st Vice President (complete unfinished term/1 yr.) Pamela Smith
 2nd Vice President (2 yr. term) Charlotte Weiler
 Treasurer (2 yr. term) Mary Thayer

All nominees were elected.

Again, please look at the CCGS Website “<http://www.rootsweb.com/~coccgs/>”. The projects that societies are working on or have completed are now online. If you have Colorado ancestors this might be just the place to find the index or book you need that will help in your research.

The Aurora Genealogical Society will host the January meeting on January 27, 2007.



COLUMBINE MEMBERSHIP Paula M. Davis, Membership

Membership 210 Couples 39 Honorary Life Members 17 Honorary Associate 5

Paid Life 17 Exchange Members 36 Total Membership 249

VALERIE EICHLER LAIR Columbine Recording Secretary

Valerie Eichler Lair was born in Waverly, Bremer County, Iowa on the 5th day of the 5th month in 5--, and the 5th child of Karl Hermann and Evelyn Sarah Dell (Yost) Eichler. Rather than being in drama and music like her siblings, Valerie was always the active, outdoors child. Valerie moved from Iowa to San Jose, California the summer before high school. Her high school career focused on gymnastics and was an award-winning gymnast with the most memorable moment in meeting her idol Cathy Rigby. After graduation, she attended college majoring in physical education and business, while being a cheerleader and serving on the college's student senate. After employment with a couple of companies, she landed her career job at Memorex Corporation.

Valerie married in 1983, moved from California to Colorado Springs in 1985, had her son T.J. in 1986, and found her true love and passion career of genealogy in 1989. A very short year later, she started her company, Val's Roots Professional Genealogy Services. Valerie served on the board of directors for P.P.G.S. in Colorado Springs and was president of the local PAF Users Group.

While doing genealogy 24/7, Valerie was also a non-stop busy mom getting her son to sports practices and games and a volunteer parent at the elementary school in Monument. T.J. was involved in soccer, baseball, basketball, wrestling, and school activities. When he entered competitive club soccer, Valerie lessened her genealogy pursuit by taking a "sabbatical" from her business. As she said: "*It's T.J.'s turn and time.*" After her divorce in 1998 and a move to the Denver-metro area, she continued to take the time to spend with her son and his activities.

In 2000, Valerie returned to the genealogy world and re-started her genealogy business. She continues to thoroughly enjoy teaching classes, workshops, and seminars; working with clients all over the U.S., Canada, and the world; consultations; lecturing at genealogy societies and various organizations; and has authored many articles on genealogy, as well as two family genealogy history books (Lair and Eichler). She is presently starting the work on her third book on the Jost/Yost family. Valerie's current volunteer project, which started back in 1990, involves extracting the interment record books and tombstone engravings at the Evergreen Cemetery in Colorado Springs for burials from 1972 to 2006. Phase 1 data of the project is already online and Phase 2 data will be placed online by the end of this year. The third phase (1985-2006) is estimated to become available online by the end of 2007.

Besides genealogy (you mean there's other things?), Valerie is proud of T.J.'s computer engineering/technology life at the University of Kansas (go KU Jayhawks), low-speed racing and other car events with the Denver Corvette Association, boating at Cherry Creek Lake, and scrap booking.

To see the services her company offers and to access the Evergreen Cemetery data, visit Valerie's website at: < www.valsroots.com .

COLORADO SPRINGS, EVERGREEN CEMETERY PROJECT by Valerie Eichler Lair

I am excited to announce that Phase 2 of my cemetery project will be online by December 31st. Please allow about a week into January so that the web coordinators can get the data up and running. Once the data is uploaded and tested, you can view the Evergreen Cemetery Interment Records and Tombstone Transcriptions at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery/colorado/elpaso.html> or you can access it through my website at: www.valsroots.com --> link icon --> link to cemetery data.

Phase 2 includes burials for October-December 1972 (misc. not in the first book), May-December 1974, 8 June 1978 to 31 December 1984.

Work will begin for Phase 3 in this coming February and will include all the burials from 1985 to 2006.

I cannot thank my staff of volunteers enough for their awesome work, valuable time, and dedication to this project.

Valerie Eichler Lair

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and
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